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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

- 1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a combat shock-isolation system, classified in class 114,
 subclass 1.
 - II. Claims 8-17, drawn to a shock isolation system, classified in class 108, subclass50.01.
- III. Claims 18-20, drawn to a method of isolating an operator, classified in class 248, subclass 636The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
- 2. Inventions I, II and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions I, II and III are not disclosed as capable of use together and have different functions.
- 3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Groups I, II or III is not required for the other groups, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 4. A telephone call was made to Mr. Johnson on 4/05/01 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle (Shelley) Thomson whose telephone number is 703,306,4176. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 703.306.4198. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703.305.7687 for regular communications and 703.305.7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703.308.1113.

mrt April 6, 2001

> PETER M. POON SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

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